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RAJYA SABHA

other members apart from 30 regular employees headed by Secretary and 82 Advisers on its panel.

**Statement of DG, CPWD Regarding Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House Etc.**

2519. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether this attention has been drawn to a recent statement of the Director General of CPWD that Rashtrapati Bhawan, Prime Minister's Office, Parliament House, North Block and South Block buildings are ageing and do not live up to the modern standards of structural safety and are not structurally strong enough to withstand high intensity earthquakes;

(b) whether there has been serious effect on Swaranjayanti Sadan by recent earthquakes; and

(c) if so, the measures to be taken to prevent any untoward eventuality in case of high intensity earthquake in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For buildings referred to at 'a', a committee of officers has been appointed by DG(W) on 26.2.2001 to examine the structural safety aspect of the buildings with regard to the earthquakes and suggest measures for improving the safety and precautions to be taken against natural calamities, whenever required.

**Recommendations of Delhi Urban Arts Commission for Planned Development of Delhi**

†2520. DR. D. MASTHAN:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Urban Arts Commission has made its recommendations, from time to time, to the concerned departments for the well planned development of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Commission regarding Delhi city, date-wise, during the last one decade;

(c) whether it is also a fact that any special action has been taken during these years for the effective implementation of those recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) DUAC has reported that it has given recommendations on 4673 proposals referred to it by the local bodies during the past one decade, viz. 1990-91 to 1999-2000, in terms of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act, 1973. The details of the year-wise proposals are as under:—

Year	No. of Proposals
1990-91	570
1991-92	520
1992-93	280
1993-94	446
1994-95	567
1995-96	363
1996-97	547
1997-98	451

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1998-99	401
1999-2000	528
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4673</b>

The recommendations of the Commission are binding on the local bodies in terms of certain provisions of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act. 1973.

#### **Rise in Slums in Delhi**

**†2521. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':**  
**SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rise in slums during the last decade in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of places in Delhi where slums have come up after 1990; and

(c) the number of families estimated to be living there?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):** (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Slum & JJ Department (MCD) has reported that slum/jhuggi clusters have come up in all over Delhi. The number of families living in slums, that have come up after 1990, are not available. However, at present there are about 6 lakh jhuggies with a population of about 30 lakhs.

#### **Commercialisation of DTC Bus Terminals**

**2522. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:**  
**SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:**  
**SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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